

1-1 By: Kacal, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 920
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2017;
1-3 April 24, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 10, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 10, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	Hall	X		
1-10	Creighton	X		
1-11	Garcia	X		
1-12	Hancock	X		
1-13	Hinojosa	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Perry	X		
1-16	Rodríguez	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and recreational
1-20 off-highway vehicles.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 663.037(d) and (g), Transportation
1-23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (d) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle may drive the
1-25 vehicle on a public street, road, or highway that is not an
1-26 interstate or limited-access highway if:

1-27 (1) the transportation is in connection with:

1-28 (A) the production, cultivation, care,
1-29 harvesting, preserving, drying, processing, canning, storing,
1-30 handling, shipping, marketing, selling, or use of agricultural
1-31 products, as defined by Section 52.002, Agriculture Code; or

1-32 (B) utility work performed by a utility;

1-33 (2) the operator attaches to the back of the vehicle
1-34 ~~[on top of an eight-foot-long pole]~~ a triangular orange flag that is
1-35 at least six feet above ground level;

1-36 (3) the vehicle's headlights and taillights are
1-37 illuminated;

1-38 (4) the operator holds a driver's license, as defined
1-39 by Section 521.001;

1-40 (5) the operation of the all-terrain vehicle occurs in
1-41 the daytime; and

1-42 (6) the operation of the all-terrain vehicle does not
1-43 exceed a distance of 25 miles from the point of origin to the
1-44 destination.

1-45 (g) A peace officer or other person who provides law
1-46 enforcement, firefighting, ambulance, medical, or other emergency
1-47 services, including a volunteer firefighter, may operate an
1-48 all-terrain vehicle on a public street, road, or highway that is not
1-49 an interstate or limited-access highway only if:

1-50 (1) the transportation is in connection with the
1-51 performance of the operator's ~~[officer's]~~ official duty;

1-52 (2) the operator ~~[officer]~~ attaches to the back of the
1-53 vehicle ~~[on top of an eight-foot-long pole]~~ a triangular orange
1-54 flag that is at least six feet above ground level;

1-55 (3) the vehicle's headlights and taillights are
1-56 illuminated; and

1-57 (4) the operator ~~[officer]~~ holds a driver's license,
1-58 as defined by Section 521.001~~], and~~

1-59 ~~[(5) the operation of the all-terrain vehicle does not~~
1-60 ~~exceed a distance of 25 miles from the point of origin to the~~
1-61 ~~destination].~~

2-1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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